

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Leung for indicating allowability of Claims 4, 6, 8, 22, 25 and 27 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 2-4, 6, 18-20, 22, 25 and 27 have been canceled. The limitations of allowable Claim 4 have been included in Claim 1.

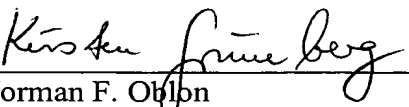
New Claim 32 includes the limitations of Claims 1, 2 and 6. New Claim 33 includes the limitations of Claims 1, 2 and 8.

The rejection of Claims 11 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph, is obviated by the amendment of these Claims.

This application presents allowable subject matter, and the Examiner is kindly requested to pass it to issue. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the claims or otherwise wish to discuss this case, he is kindly invited to contact Applicants' below-signed representative, who would be happy to provide any assistance deemed necessary in speeding this application to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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